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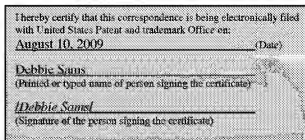
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INCREASING OPTIMAL  
ALTERNATIVE NETWORK ROUTE CONVERGENCE SPEED AND  
BORDER GATEWAY ROUTER INCORPORATING THE SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c)**

Before continuing examination of the above-identified application, please refer to the below arguments and amend the claims as indicated.